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Overflow Crowd Attend Clubs 35th Anniversary

An overflow crowd attended the 35th anniversary of the Pamplin Community Men's Club last Sunday evening at 2:30 at the Zion Baptist Church. The Rev. James Franklin, Jr., president of the club, served as master of ceremony. The special guest were the Rev. C. L. Brown, Jr., associate minister of the Wingfield Baptist Church, and its gospel chorus of Lynchburg. Members and officers from Rev. Franklin's churches: Baptist Union and Sharon, were in large numbers. The following program was enjoyed by all: Opening hymn, Gospel Chorus; Scripture, Deacon James Lacey; Prayer, Rev. James Miller; A selection, Miss Sybill Franklin; Selection, Holiness Gospel Singers; Welcome, Deacon Frank Johnson; Response, Deacon Percy Gregory; Selection, Gospel Chorus; Introduction of speaker, Rev. C. M. Franklin; Selection, Gospel Chorus; Sermon, Rev. Cleophus L. Brown, Jr.; Invitation to discipleship, Master of Ceremony; Offering, Visiting Deacons; Special March by Men's Club; Recitation, Mrs. Estelle Allen; Special awards and presentations, Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Sr.; Closing Hymn, Gospel Chorus; Benediction, Rev. C. L. Brown, Jr. The entire program benefited the club spiritually and financially.

The anniversary program of the Galilee Baptist Church Usher Board will be observed this Sunday evening at 3 p.m. The Rev. C. L. Elliott and his Jordan Baptist Church Choir will be the special guest. Local boards have been invited to bring greetings. The general public is cordially invited to attend.

A very large crowd attended the regular preaching service at the Promise Land Baptist last Sunday. The pastor delivered a very helpful sermon and beautiful music was rendered by the senior choir.

All representatives and members of the Appomattox Assembly are asked to attend the regular meeting for March. The date will be Wed., March 8, at 7:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall of the Galilee Baptist Church. Business of importance will be presented.

Impressive service was held at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church last Sunday evening at 7 p.m. The Rev. Raymond Turner, pastor of the St. Mark Baptist Church in Amherst, was the guest speaker. Beautiful music was rendered by the Junior Choir. All present enjoyed the well planned and highly informative message.

The Ladies Club of the Promise Land Baptist Church announced plans last Sunday for its Annual Ladies Day to be celebrated on the first Sunday in April.

The general public is invited to attend the regular preaching service at the Zion Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11 a.m. The pastor, Rev. L. E. Hankins, will be in charge. The Zion Baptist Senior Usher Board held its regular monthly meeting last Sunday at 11 a.m. with the vice president, Miss Barbara Hunter, presiding. The secretary, Mrs. Nannie Johnson, recorded the minutes. After the general business session special love gifts were presented to Mrs. Annie Mae Durphy, sick treasurer; and to Mrs. Wilsie Jones, the assistant secretary, for doing such a fine job for the board.

Mrs. Magnolia Franklin was happy to have her children home over the week end. Her four daughters, Shirley, Mattie and Venice of New York and Georgie, of Washington, D.C. Visiting in the same home were Lt. Willie Brown, Mrs. Patrice King and Mrs. Fleecher James and family of Washington, D.C. and also Mr. Robert Ford and Mrs. May Haskins of Richmond. We are praying for the sick everywhere.

Miss Lynn Gordon spent the week end in Petersburg, Va. attending the Regional Meet with Appomattox County Schools.

Pre-Holy Week Service will be conducted this year as it was conducted last year with the same group of ministers taking a part. Look for the program of week service in next week's issue of this paper.

An unusually large crowd attended the funeral rites of the late Mr. Horace Alton Reed, Sr. at the Mt. Obed Baptist Church, Stonewall Community last Tuesday at 2 p.m. The following ministers were present: Reverends J. W. Paige, W. R. Jones, R. A. McCray, A. B. Jones, L. E. Joyner, Alvin Jones, Harrison Kelso and R. Q. Lawing. The Rev. J. W. Paige served as master of ceremony. The Rev. S. C. Jerry read the scripture and prayer was given by Rev. A. B. Jones, Rev. R. A. McCray spoke on behalf of the ministers. Acknowledgements and resolutions were given by Rev. W. R. Jones. The Rev. R. Q. Lawing delivered the eulogy. Music was furnished by the Senior Choir and solos were rendered by Mrs. Juanita Rodrigue and Mrs. Mary Johnson. Floral designs were in large numbers. Burial was conducted in the family plot in the community cemetery. Carl Hutcherson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

RUFUS PHILLIPS, DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE FOR THE U.S. SENATE in the 1978 election, made stops in Appomattox on Monday of this week during a campaign swing through our area.

A native of Charlotte County, Phillips chose Randolph-Henry High School as the site to make his formal announcement as a candidate for the United States Senate from Virginia. He is seeking the office to be vacated by Senator William Scott. Although a native of Charlotte County, he resides now in McLean, Fairfax County.

The Pastor Speaks

WHY PRAY?

This begins a series in which we will be discussing various aspects of the Prayer Life of Christians - and a good place to start is with the question, why pray? The answer to this question can go from - because it won't hurt to pray - to we are commanded to pray, but the best answer is that prayer works. It is effective. It gets results. Have you ever read the parable of the unrighteous judge. Now would be a good time. Get your Bible and turn to Luke 18 and read verse 1 - 8. Isn't that a strange way to discuss the effectivenss of prayer? I don't believe that Jesus meant for us to pester God with much wordy pleading and I don't believe that he is implying that God is like that rascal of a judge. What he is saying is that the persistent widow had discovered the Key to the Judge. She had found an effective way of dealing with him to get what she needed. That key was unyielding, unending persistence. The Key, to dealing with God is prayer. In the first verse of the scripture you read Jesus says we "should always pray and never become discouraged." (TEV). The King James version says we ought to "pray and not faint." The Key to our making it then, must be prayer. Our choice is limited. Prayer as "fainting". Many times we are faced with the difficulties and hardships of life. Sometimes these become so great that we lose heart. I believe that is inevitable unless we recognize and use our alternative - Prayer. Why Pray? to keep from "fainting", to get what we need, because it is the key to the "fatherheart of God." It works!

Peter R. Hale,
Walker's Presbyterian Church
Appomattox C.H. Presbyterian Church

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALMOUSE

Commentary on Your Sunday School Lessons

THE GIFT OF PATIENCE

Lesson for March 5, 1978

Background Scripture: Acts 1.
Devotional Reading: John 16:4-11.

I am grateful for the gifts that God has given me. Like most people I probably have considerably more of those gifts than I realize and use. Yet, there is one gift which I often wish had been part of my God-given endowment: the gift of patience.

Rev. Althouse

I would rather fast for 40 days and 40 nights, go on a long pilgrimage, ascend the penitential steps in Rome on my knees, give away my worldly goods (a somewhat cheap offer, I'll admit!), take on a benevolent project or quest, or wear sackcloth and ashes for Lent, and probably almost anything else you can think of...than be patient.

Wait for the promise

Of course, God doesn't usually offer me any of those alternatives. Instead, it seems his customary requirement is that I wait for his promises to be fulfilled. The only comfort I take in that fact is the realization that I am not alone in my dilemma. Throughout the Bible there are numerous stories of people who have had to learn to wait for God to keep his promises, some of them successfully, some of them rather unsuccessfully.

So I can easily appreciate what must have been in the hearts and minds of the disciples when they are told by the risen Lord: "wait for the promise of the Father" (Acts 1:4). Their impatience at this prospect is obvious, for they ask him: "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" (1:6). How anxious they are for the promises to be fulfilled NOW! The people of Israel have waited for centuries—surely the time of waiting was at an end! But once again the admonition was one to patience: "It is not for you to know times or seasons, which the Father has fixed by his own authority" (1:7).

The times and seasons

That's my problem: I want to know the times and seasons. It's not so much just the waiting, but not knowing when. It is my insistance on "knowing when" that is indicative of both my impatience and my lack of faith. For that's what impatience with God amounts to: lack of faith. It means I still want to substitute my judgement for his. that I still do not really trust him to keep his promise.

Impatient as his disciples were, they responded in the best possible manner: "They returned to Jerusalem...to the upper room" and WAITED! But that didn't mean they weren't doing anything. Luke tells us: "All these with one accord devoted themselves to prayer" (1:14). They waited...but they did it prayerfully and expectantly. They lived each day in anticipation of the fulfilment of the promise and it was probably this expectation that made it possible for the promise to be fulfilled.

I suspect that the disciples were not particularly gifted with patience, but if they learned and mastered this art, so can we!

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American Federal Elects Advisory Board

American Federal Savings & Loan Association, Appomattox office held their first Advisory Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Falling River Country Club on February 27, 1978.

Elected to serve on the Board are Susan Bailey of Appomattox, Personnel Manager of Armstrong Furniture; H. Broderick Pack, III of Appomattox, owner of Appomattox Drug Store; Ronald C. Spiggle of Appomattox, Vice President of Robinson Funeral Home, Inc.; James A. Williams of Pamplin, owner of J. A. Williams Real Estate Company; Dr. S. R. Lawson of Appomattox, Dentist in Appomattox; Mr. Otho Martin, Jr. of Appomattox, salesman for Barker Jennings Hardware; Mr. Jack T. Cosby, President of American Federal Savings & Loan Association serving as ex-officio member; and Michael C. Weiss of Appomattox, manager of the Appomattox Branch Office.

Also attending the first meeting were Bunyan Fortune, Comptroller of American Federal; George Marshall, Advertising Manager of American Federal; Joseph Kesterson, Branch Administrator of American Federal; and Chip Carter of the Lynchburg office.

CARSON JOINS MOSES MOTOR COMPANY

Walter H. Carson, (Buddy), joined Moses Motor Company, February 1, 1978 as a member of the Sales Department.

Prior to joining Moses, "Buddy" was Director of Personnel at Appomattox Garment Company, a division of Genesco, for five and one-half years. Before his position with Appomattox Garment Company, he had worked with Moses Motor Company for a time.

Reared in Appomattox County, he is a graduate of Appomattox High School and Lynchburg College.

Carson and his wife, Nancy, are the parents of two children, Walter H. Carson, Jr. and Jamie Kay.

Virginia Pork Festival Tickets On Sale

Tickets go on sale March 1 for the fourth annual Virginia Pork Festival to be held on Wed., June 14, 1978, at the Greensville County Ruritan Club Grounds near Emporia, Va., from 4 to 8 p.m. Tickets are only $6.00 each and may be ordered from Virginia Pork Festival, P. O. Box 1001, Emporia, Va. 23847. The bearer of this ticket is entitled to all that he or she can eat of a dozen or more pork delights and side dishes while on the grounds as well as compete for ham and pork product drawings held every thirty minutes during the festival. The festival is sponsored by non-profit local, civic and educational organizations.

Over 5,000 persons attended the 1977 festival and another 500 were involved in its planning and preparation. All were pleased with its success and feel that it is well established as an annual event, bringing recognition to an industry that is worth nearly one-half billion dollars in Virginia alone. Come out and make this the best festival yet. Order your tickets now. Only 6,500 have been printed. An early sell-out is anticipated.

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